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SUBJ: GOH CANCELS HAICANA MINING CONCESSION

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 1674

1. IN DECREE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 20, GOH HAS CANCELLED CONTRACT SIGNED MARCH 21, 1969 WITH CANADIAN-OWNED FIRM HAICANA MINING CORPORATION FOR MINERALS EXPLORATION IN 500 SQUARE MILE AREA LOCATED EAST AND SOUTHWEST OF CAP HAITIEN. DECREE STATES CANCELLATION WAS DUE TO FAILURE OF FIRM UNDER TERMS OF CONTRACT TO INITIATE EXPLORATION WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF SIGNING CONTRACT AND TO BEGIN EXTRACTION OF MINERALS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

2. IN ARTICLE ON CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT, LE NOUVELLISTE OF SEPTEMBER 21 ASSERTS THAT MOVE PERMITS GOH COMPLETE FREEDOM TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS MATTER AFFECTING COUNTRY'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND NOTES THAT TWO FOREIGN FIRMS, ONE AMERICAN AND ONE EUROPEAN, ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING OVER HAICANA CONCESSION. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT SINCE THESE TWO FIRMS

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ARE SERIOUS AND HIGHLY REGARDED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC, HAITI HAS POSSIBILITY FOR MAKING CHOICE THAT BEST

SERVES NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, KENNECOTT EXPLORATION HAS ALREADY
PROPOSED TO GOH THAT THE US FIRM TAKE OVER HAICANA CONCESSION.
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